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SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009 MINUTES

Board of Finance

Members Present: R. Clements-Chairman, R. Cleary, M. Joyse, B. Pinto, M. Varney, J. Wehr

Others Present: M. Stupinski-First Selectman, L. Burstein, P. Charter, A. Harford, J. Prichard, J. Turner-Selectmen, N. DiCorleto-Fin Off, P. Michaud-DPW Director, S. Cullinan-Supt of Schools, Center and Crystal Lake Fire Dept members, Journal Inquirer, residents.

Call to Order

Chairman Robert Clements called the special meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 8: 49 PM.

Citizens Forum – None

Additional Appropriation

- \$13,400 Hall Memorial Library – Replacement Heating/Dehumidifier Unit.

The Library Director has indicated that the dehumidifier/heater in the storage space where the old documents and artifacts are kept is not working, and it is important that the papers and books be kept in a dry, heated environment. The Capital Improvements Committee felt this was an item that could not be put off until July so they recommended that the Board of Selectmen appropriate the money from this year's general fund to purchase it immediately. Mr. Charter stated that it costs more to repair than to replace the unit.

MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$13,400 FROM FY 2008-09 UNDESIGNATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO REPLACE THE HEATING UNIT AT THE HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, AS REQUESTED BY THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR.

CLFD – Rescue Pumper

Chairman Clements suggested that no action be taken on this item as this time. He felt that the timing was not good and perhaps after the budget season, the Board could look at it again. Mr. Pippin stated that he had no problem with coming back, but that the price of the pumper was very low now and will probably go up. He is proposing that the payment on this new truck replace the payment on the truck purchased in 2005 that is coming off the lease/purchase. This is a combination pumper/rescue truck that will replace two trucks, one of which is a 1984. He would like to see it go to a town meeting vote. He stated that this is a bargain price from stock.

Mr. Joyse asked Mr. Pippin what the payment was on the truck that is coming off the lease. Mr. Pippin stated that it was \$74,000 a year; the total price was \$371,000.

In the past, these lease/purchases were taken out of the capital improvement budgets. The entire amount needs to be appropriated and voted on, then paid off yearly. Mr. Cleary asked what the resale value of the two trucks that are being replaced would be, and Mr. Pippin stated that he received an estimate of \$28,000-\$30,000.

Board of Finance 2009/10 Budget

Account 120 – Board of Finance

MOVED (CLEARY) SECONDED (WEHR) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET ACCOUNT 120 BOARD OF FINANCE BUDGET FOR FY 2009/10 AT \$8,000.

Account 121 – Auditors

MOVED (CLEARY) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET ACCOUNT 121 AUDITORS AT \$44,500 FOR FY 2009/10 BUDGET.

This is the budget for audit year 2008/09 and is the second year of the bid.

Account 122 – Auditors Special Projects

MOVED (CLEARY) SECONDED (VARNEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET ACCOUNT 122 AUDITORS SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR 2009/10 AT \$100.

Account 1010 - Contingency fund

MOVED (CLEARY) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET ACCOUNT 1010 CONTINGENCY FUND FOR FY 2009/10 AT \$150,000.

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Account 1000 Capital Reserve Fund

The amount for this account is mandated by Town Charter and backed into after the budget numbers are completed.

Adjournment

**MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:15 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Smith".

Lori Smith, Recording Clerk